



## Eno River Academy

### Minutes

#### March Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Thursday March 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM

##### **Location**

Online via Zoom link

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##### **Directors Present**

Amy Simonson (remote), Brad Tapper (remote), Kristi Anspach (remote), Michael O'Malley (remote), Rachel Monschein (remote), Sarah Yagnow (remote), Travis Hill (remote)

##### **Directors Absent**

*None*

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#### **I. Opening Items**

##### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

Kristi was not visible during the remote meeting and so she abstained from voting.

##### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

##### **C. Approve Minutes from prior meeting**

Sarah Yagnow made a motion to approve the minutes from February Board of Directors Meeting on 02-27-20.

Michael O'Malley seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Rachel Monschein	Aye
Amy Simonson	Aye
Sarah Yagnow	Aye
Michael O'Malley	Aye
Kristi Anspach	Abstain
Travis Hill	Aye
Brad Tapper	Aye

**II. Monthly Agenda Review**

**A. Review and revision, if needed, for meeting agenda**

Michael O'Malley made a motion to approve agenda.

Brad Tapper seconded the motion.

Kristi not visible

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Rachel Monschein	Aye
Michael O'Malley	Aye
Travis Hill	Aye
Kristi Anspach	Abstain
Sarah Yagnow	Aye
Brad Tapper	Aye
Amy Simonson	Aye

**III. Public Comment Period**

**A. Public comments in accordance with the ERA Public Comment Policy**

Several public comments that had been submitted via email were read by Michael.

**IV. Executive Director Announcements and Update**

**A. Celebration of events and achievements by ERA Staff and Students**

**B. Monthly Executive Director Update**

~Lottery was held on February 28th and we will be full again in K-8 and the HS will have around 365 students. Grades 9-11 will have around 95 students in each grade level and

the senior class will have around 80 students. The high school currently has around 300 students. Thank you to Mrs. Hover for her work on the lottery.

~Letters of Intent-Letters were due on the 13th. We had only one staff member that is not returning and he is moving to Virginia to be closer to his family.

~Report Cards for Q3 will be emailed to families no later than Friday, March 27

~We have cancelled all scheduled field trips except for the 8th grade trip. Those dates still work unless schools are closed past May 15th.

~Our EC Director and I are on weekly conference calls with NC DPI and the EC Division. We are providing weekly updates on those calls to the Admin team and the EC Team.

~Graduation is still scheduled for Thursday, May 21st. We will be meeting to discuss any changes to that as we get closer.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Discussion of COVID-19**

The school has been closed down through May 15th (government decision). Field trips (except 8th grade) have been put on hold. We have been working with teachers - remediation model for the last two weeks. As a team we want to finalize all the plans tomorrow and begin our formal distance learning this Wednesday. Plans will be formalized and emailed out to families tomorrow or on Monday. Mrs. Wall will have some time setup to have students to come by and pick up loaner computers. We have a plan for students without WiFi access. Department of Public Instruction has put out instructions for the school's staff on how to do distant learning. Expectations of hours per day will depend on the student (K-2nd will be 20 minutes per day and independent work, 30 min in middle school per day, and high school will be online for about an hour per day.) We will not be taking attendance at this time. United States has removed the requirement for the end of year tests. Legislature needs to finish that official waiver. EOC/EOG testing has been waived for this year.

### **B. Potential update to 2019-2020 school calendar**

We have removed the spring break dates, kept Good Friday and Easter Monday, and April 1st will be our first day of distance learning.

Report cards will be going out tomorrow.

This will not give us the required number of instructional hours but NC DPI is working with Legislatures. It doesn't look like there will be required makeup school during the summer. Sarah Yagnow made a motion to approve the revised calendar.

Travis Hill seconded the motion.

The revised calendar will be sent out to families tomorrow and posted on the website

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

Rachel Monschein Aye

Amy Simonson Aye

Travis Hill Aye

**Roll Call**

Brad Tapper	Aye
Kristi Anspach	Abstain
Michael O'Malley	Aye
Sarah Yagnow	Aye

**C. Potential update to Board 2019-2020 calendar**

Most of the items on the BoD calendar will need to be postponed.

Voting on new board members, may need to involve mailing ballots and having them mailed back.

Kristi to put a draft together adjusting the dates, and will get the BoD a draft for voting on at the next BoD meeting.

**D. Review of NCDPI mandated policy updates**

BoD reviewed the edits that were made to Section 2.6 Anti-Nepotism Policy, and Section 3.1 Admissions and Enrollment policies

Michael O'Malley made a motion to approve the edits to the Anti-Nepotism Policy.

Brad Tapper seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Rachel Monschein	Aye
Kristi Anspach	Abstain
Amy Simonson	Aye
Travis Hill	Aye
Brad Tapper	Aye
Sarah Yagnow	Aye
Michael O'Malley	Aye

Sarah Yagnow made a motion to approve the Admissions and Enrollment policy update.

Brad Tapper seconded the motion.

Kristi made a grammatical edit request to add a period to the sentence that is missing one. Ms. Bair said she would correct that.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Rachel Monschein	Aye
Brad Tapper	Aye
Travis Hill	Aye
Michael O'Malley	Aye
Sarah Yagnow	Aye
Kristi Anspach	Abstain
Amy Simonson	Aye

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Update on School Property Financing Process**

The bond market is locked up right now. Our bond financing team is remaining hopeful but decided it was better to wait. We have everything ready to go and will have an update at the next BoD meeting.

**B. K-8 and High School Survey Results**

Michael presented the K-8 and high school survey results. There was lots of good qualitative data. K-8 had 200 responses and high school had 122 responses. BoD will receive the qualitative data and will discuss where there is room for improvement. An executive summary will be compiled and shared with the school committee and will inform the strategic plan. We will get in a habit of doing this survey each year.

**C. Strategic Plan Process Update**

Michael O'Malley made a motion to name the following as official members of the Future Visions Committee: Andy Finkle, Anne Kenyon, Elizabeth Milan, Lisa Pope, and Donna Kuhl.

Sarah Yagnow seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Michael O'Malley	Aye
Kristi Anspach	Abstain
Rachel Monschein	Aye
Amy Simonson	Aye
Sarah Yagnow	Aye
Brad Tapper	Aye
Travis Hill	Aye

Sarah reported that the PATH Spring Carnival and teacher appreciation week were postponed

**VII. Closing Items**

**A. Closed Session**

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rachel Monschein